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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following after the title, page 1,

--This application is a continuation of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/01196, filed February 14, 2000, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3 – 6, 10, 13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the hydrophilic component comprises ethanol, 1,2-propylene glycol or a polyethylene glycol.
4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylenes, polyglycerols and related polyols, and polyalkylene oxide copolymers.